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- 1. AS REFTEL INDICATES, BRIZOLA HAS BEEN ANATHEMA TO SUCCESIVE GOB'S SINCE MARCH 1964 OVERTHROW OF HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW JOAO GOULART. WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE IMPRISONMENT IF HE SHOULD RETURN TO BRAZIL IS HOWEVER, UNCERTAIN. CURRENT GOB HAS ABSORBED NEMBER OF OTHER POST-REVOLUTION EXILES AND HAS PERMITTED THEM RELATIVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, ALTHOOUGH NONE, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN SO PROMINENT AS BRIZOLA.
- 2. WITHOUT MAKING INQUIRIES OF ANY KNID
 WE WOULD GUESS, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT GOU ACTION
 AGAINST BRIZOLA WAS PROBABLY PROMPTED BY GOB,
 WHICH HAS BEEN UNEASY OVER HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN
 CONTIGUOUS COUNTRY. GOB IS SIMILARLY UNEASY FOR
 INSTANCE, ABOUT PRESENCE OF GOULART'S FORMER MARINE
 COMMANDER CANDIDO ARAGAO IN CARACAS. WE WOULD NOT
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BE SURPRISED IF, AS 1978 ELECTION YEAR APPROACHES, GOB WOULD SEEK REMOVAL FROM ITS GEOGRAPHIC VICINITY OF PERSONAGES SUCH AS BRIZOLA AND ARAGAO WHO COULD CONCEIVABLY BECOME RALLYING POINTS FOR SOME SECTORS OF OPPOSITION.

3. WITH REGARD TO US-BRAZIL RELATIONS, WE

WOULD ANTICIPATE SOME GOB DISPLEASURE OVER OUR ACCEPTANCE OF BRIZOLA INTO US, IF THAT SHOULD BE THE CASE, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE DENIED ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. WE BELIEVE THAT GOB WOULD WISH HIM TO BE ELSEWHERE, PREFERABLY CUBA OR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC, BUT IT COULD CERTAINLY LIVE WITH HIM IN THE US. BRIZOLA HAS NUMEROUS OPTIONS OTHER THAN US, E.G. PORTUGAL, FRANCE, SCANDINAVIA AND WOULD NOT, IN OUR JUDGEMENT, BE OBLIGED TO RETURN TO BRAZIL IF HIS APPLICATION TO THE USG WERE DENIED.

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